



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with PMC Consulting for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report to analyze impacts associated with a proposed commercial center at the southwest corner of Lower Sacramento Road and Kettleman Lane

MEETING DATE: December 18, 2002

PREPARED BY: J.D. Hightower, City Planner

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with PMC Consulting for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report to analyze impacts associated with a proposed commercial center at the southwest corner of Lower Sacramento Road and Kettleman Lane.

BACKGROUND: On June 27, 2002, the Community Development Department received a use permit application for a proposed commercial center located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Lower Sacramento Road and Kettleman Lane. It is staff's opinion that an Environmental Impact Report is the appropriate level of review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Because of the similarities of the project with the Vineyard Square (Lowes) proposal, the same list of responding consultants was used. After reviewing the qualifications of the team members from the remaining firms with the project need and schedule, staff found that PMC Consulting was the most qualified firm. PMC will act as an extension of city staff and will provide an independent analysis of the project's foreseeable impacts. As such, the contract will be administered by the City. Because much of the background analysis for an E.I.R. is already completed, a draft E.I.R. is expected to be available for public comment in March 2003. The final E.I.R. is tentatively scheduled to be brought to the Council in May or June 2003.

FUNDING: None required. The project proponent will deposit sufficient funds to the City for the cost of the report.

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Community Development Director

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APPROVED: _____

J.H. Dixon-Flynn -- City Manager